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LOUISIANA WILD LIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION.

MEETINGS OF

MARCH 23 and 24, 1964

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PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, March 23 and 24, 1964.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs, the preparation of the Agenda for the Public Meeting, discussion of preliminary shrimp report, plans for dedication of Saline Wildlife Management Area, and Grand Terre Marine Laboratory. Some personnel matters were brought to the Board's attention.

The public meeting was held on Tuesday, March 24, 1964, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, La.

Members present were:

A. J. Buquet, Chairman

L. R. Fleming, Vice-Chairman

John Paul Grain (Present Monday; absent Tuesday)

Huntley S. Fairchild

James J. Frey

John Edwin Kyle Jr.,

Ray Whatley (Present Monday; absent Tuesday)

Chairman Duquet called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., and stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Fleming, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting on February 3, 1964, the Special Meeting on February 4, 1964, the regular meetings on February 24 and 25, 1964, and the special meeting on March 4, 1964, were dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission members.

Chairman Duquet called upon Director Young relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Director Young stated that at the special meeting of the Board, held on March 4, 1964, the Commission Members decided that the area of land purchased for a Management Area, in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes would be called CENLA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. However, in checking with the Secretary of State's office, it was found that there were a number of corporations called CENLA and that confusion might arise because of the numerous similar names. The members of the Board were then polled by phone on March 4th, 5th and 6th, and advised to this effect, and it was unanimously decided that the area would be designated as SALINE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. Director Young requested confirmation of this action.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby ratify and confirm the purchase of 50,019.03 acres of land, in Lafaille and Catahoula Parishes, from Rex E. Callicott, for the sum of One Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Three and 32/100 dollars (\$1,450,553.32), as per act executed on March 4, 1964.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this property be designated as SALINE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

Mr. Ensminger was called to the floor relative to bids received on boat which is to replace the "Sprig".

Mr. Ensminger stated - - "Bids were solicited by the Division of Administration for the purchase of one 28' aluminum work-boat to replace the patrol boat "Sprig" used in the administration of our Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area. Detailed plans and specifications for this vessel were prepared and the following bids were received and opened by the Division of Administration on March 19, 1964:

Scariano Boats Inc., New Orleans	\$12,997.00
Sewart Seacraft Inc., Berwick	14,446.20
Breaux's Baycraft Inc., Loreauville	13,553.91

Detailed drawings were submitted by Scariano Boats and Sewart Seacraft. Several discrepancies were noted between plans

and specifications as advertised by the Division of Administration and the drawings presented by Scariano Boats.

Item 1. Specifications called for aluminum water tight bulkheads. Scariano drawings show a wooden bulkhead. Sewart Seacraft drawings show aluminum bulkheads.

Item 2. Specifications called for longitudinal I-beams frames. Scariano Boats drawings show $3/16"$ x $2"$ flat bar while Sewart drawings show the $2"$ I-beams as specified. This is a very important factor in construction of this boat. The $2"$ I-beams as specified will run the entire length of the boat whereas the $3/16"$ x $2"$ flat bars, as proposed by Scariano, will be cut in between each frame and welded.

Item 3. Specifications called for a manufactured American seat #310. Drawings presented by Scariano show a plywood constructed seat with foam rubber cushions. Sewart drawings show seats as requested in specifications.

Item 4. Specifications call for manufactured type aluminum frame windows with $3/16"$ plexiglass. Scariano drawings indicate windows of a non-manufactured type while Sewart drawings show type requested in specifications.

Item 5. Specifications call for a one compartment sedan type cabin. Scariano drawings show cabin type open to stern and partly to sides, while Sewart drawings show cabin as specified."

Mr. Ensminger stated, - "We have the drawings presented by both of these companies if you would like to see them."

Chairman Duquet asked if there were any questions concerning the bids on this boat.

Mr. Fleming stated if the low bidder does not meet the specifications, he does not have a firm bid and we should not consider it.

Mr. Frey said he agreed with Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Fairchild also agreed with Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Frey said considering all the discrepancies listed, he thought the second lowest bid should be accepted.

Mr. Fleming said he would make a motion to accept the second lowest bid provided the Division of Administration will accept it. Seconded by Mr. Frey and adopted by unanimous vote.

Chairman Duquet called upon Mr. Herring relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Herring stated that the Louisiana Field Trial Association has requested that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission study and consider their proposal for an upland game research area. This area is to be some 10,000

acres in size and is to be used for quail, deer, rabbit and fish pond management research.

The Louisiana Field Trial Association will request the Legislature to purchase such an area and is not to be included in the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's budget. After purchase, the land will be turned over to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for management. This area will also be used for bird dog field trials and beagle field trials.

Mr. Fleming stated that he was interested in this type of program, and if these people were willing to go to the Legislature for funds, without coming out of the Conservation Fund, that he was in favor of it; that we need such type of program, not only for field trials but also for quail. Some study should be made to bring them back in our State.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission approves and endorses the Louisiana Field Trial Association's proposal for an Upland Game Research Area and will assist in every way after purchase of land is made, provided, however, that such cost will not come out of the Conservation Fund.

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to the following applications for dredging permits:

Dr. St. Amant stated the following application was received from Garnet Dredging Company Inc., 516 North Laurel St., Amite, Louisiana, dated March 16, 1964:

"Permission is hereby requested to dredge fill material from the bed of Lake Pontchartrain. The material will be used to fill an excavation made to obtain clay to build a levee on St. Tammany Police Jury Contract #1303-S.

- 1) The officers and stockholders of Garnet Dredging Co. Inc. are Dr. Robert T. Nieset, James R. Nieset, both of 1776 State St., New Orleans, La., and Guy C. Garrison, Amite, La.

Balance Sheet March 16, 1964
Garnet Dredging Co. Inc.

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
8"x8" Suction Dredge		Note payable to Dr. Robt. Nieset	
Complete	\$ 9,500.00		\$15,000.00
Cash	6,500.00	Capital Stock	1,000.00
	<u>\$16,000.00</u>		<u>\$16,000.00</u>

- 2) Attached are two drawings showing exact location where dredging operations will take place and a cross section view.
- 3) The address of Garnet Dredging Co. Inc. is 516 North Laurel Street, Amite, La., Telephone Amite - 8356.
- 4) We have no unloading sites. Our dredge is in the water near Northshore Subdivision about one mile from point where dredging operations will take place.
- 5) We have one 8" x 8" suction pump located on a steel barge, size 16'x45'6". The pump is operated by a 671 Diesel engine. The cutter head and winches are operated by another 671 Diesel. The ladder is 35' long and the barge is equipped with two 8" extra heavy reinforced steel spuds 43' long with pointed ends. All the equipment is in good operation condition

and the pump will deliver about 100 cubic yards of fill material each hour.

- 6) The fill material will be pumped directly to permanent location and no barges will be used. However, we will have a 22' boat with a 135 H-P Gray Marine engine to service the dredge.
- 7) Approximately 52,500 cubic yards will be removed from the bottom of Lake Pontchartrain over a period of three months. This job will then be considered completed and no further dredging will take place.
- 8) The dredging contractor will be Garnet Dredging Co. Inc.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Guy C. Garrison

Dr. St. Amant stated the Garnet Dredging Company requested permission to dredge approximately 52,500 cubic yards of fill material from the bottom of Lake Pontchartrain to fill some borrow pits in a reclamation project being carried out by the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury. He said that the application meets all of the requirements set forth by the Commission and he could see no reason to object to the issuance of a permit and recommended that the permit be issued.

On motion of Mr. Frey, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the application of Garnet Dredging Company, Amite, Louisiana, to dredge approximately 52,500 cubic yards of fill material from the bottom of Lake Pontchartrain to fill some borrow pits in a reclamation project

being carried out by the St. Tammany Parish Police Jury,
be granted, and that the Director be authorized and empowered
to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant read the following application from
Lime Products Company New Orleans, dated February 19, 1964:

"It is respectfully requested that we be granted a
permit to dredge shells, clam and/or reef, and sand
from the following deposits:

Little Lake in Jefferson and Lafourche Parishes
Cabbage Reef in St. Bernard Parish.

By separate attached sheet, we have filled out the
questionnaire entitled "Requirements for Applicants
for Permits for the Dredging of Sand and Shell."

Your cooperation in expediting this request would be
greatly appreciated.

Lime Products Company

(Signed) C. J. Calhoun"

"In answer to information requested with application:

1) The name of applicant is Lime Products Company
owned individually by applicant. Applicant's
financial status:

Unencumbered assets in excess of \$1,000,000.

2) Applicant desires permit to dredge clam and/or
reef shells and sand from Little Lake, and Cabbage
Reef - all as shown on the attached plats.

3) Principal Office: 7003 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, La.

4) Unloading sites: Dependent upon approval of application.

5) Equipment to be used: 10" or 12" suction dredge with
complement of barges.

6) Transportation to be used: Three or more barges and

a 600 h.p. tug.

7) It is estimated that 300,000 cu.yds. of shell will be dredged annually.

Respectfully submitted,

Line products Company

(Signed) C.J. Calhoun"

Dr. St. Amant stated that the Line Products Company requested that permits be granted to dredge on Cabbage Reef, in St. Bernard Parish, and in Little Lake, in Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes; that the application complies with all of the requests set forth by the Commission for such applications; that it should also be noted that the area being applied for is now being dredged by other concerns and it seems reasonable to consider this application for dredging in these areas.

Dr. St. Amant stated if a permit is granted for the Cabbage Reef Area, it should have included the same restrictive clauses that occur in permits now in existence in this area. These are -

- 1) that no dredging shall be done in water under six (6) feet in depth measured at mean low tide; and
- 2) that no dredging shall occur within three hundred (300) yards of other dredging operations. Also, if a permit is granted for dredging in Little Lake, it should be restricted to the northern half of the

Lake above latitude 29 degrees 30 minutes. South of this line oyster leases and oyster operations are in effect; that his Division could see no reason why the permits could not be issued, if all stipulations listed above are met.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the application of Lime Products Company, New Orleans, La., to dredge clam and/or reef shells and sand, from Cabbage Reef, in St. Bernard Parish, be granted, provided -

- 1) that no dredging shall be done in water under six (6) feet in depth measured at mean low tide; and
- 2) that no dredging shall occur within three hundred (300) yards of other dredging operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the application of Lime Products Company, New Orleans, La., to dredge clam and/or reef shells and sand from Little Lake, in Lafourche and Jefferson Parishes, be granted, provided such dredging be restricted to the northern half of the Lake above latitude 29 degrees 30

minutes because south of this line oyster leases and oyster operations are in effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Anant was called to the floor relative to preliminary shrimp report.

Dr. St. Anant stated - "Our shrimp research on the Spring crop for 1964, brown shrimp, is now in full swing. Most of the work has been concentrated in Barataria Bay and Timbalier Bay. The results are gratifying. A tremendous amount of shrimp larvae moved into the nursery areas, which was more than the movement last year at the same period of time. In the first two weeks in March, it declined to some extent, but it was still above what was recorded last year in March. Two weeks ago, we were able to catch the first juvenile shrimp in the area. The size ranged from 18 to 25 millimeters. We have only two weeks of sampling on this and we are not able to determine the growth rate.

"We have planned at the present time to do work in Vermilion Bay and in Cameron to determine the overall distribution of shrimp. We plan to present what we have on hand at the meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission to be held on April 9th, and prior to the next Commission meeting, we

will have a second meeting at the lab with those interested parties of the Shrimp Association and Canning Association to discuss the data in detail. At that time, we will attempt to set the season at the most opportune time to provide shrimp of a proper size and suggest a date for opening the season. We do not now have any data to specify an opening date."

Chairman Duquet called on Mr. Ray Robinson, representing the Canning Industry, for his remarks.

Mr. Robinson stated that from Dr. St. Amant's guarded statements they could assume that he is not ready to open the season on May 1st this year; that the Commission had the authority to open the season 15 days after May 1st, and under these conditions, he would assume that the announcement of an opening date would be made at the April meeting of the Commission.

Mr. Robinson stated in this respect, as spokesman for the Canning Industry, he would make a suggestion for consideration, - - that the season be opened on the last Monday, if possible, if it would be pushed back to the 15th, which is the last date possible. If the season is opened on the 15th, which is a Friday, and if they had anything like last year, they would be buried under an avalanche of shrimp at the worst possible or on a week end. Mr. Robinson requested that the season be set on the last possible Monday under the allowable dates under the

law to avoid extreme crowding of plants on a week end.

Director Young was called upon relative to Budget Committee Report.

Director Young stated that last Thursday, Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Yancey and himself appeared before the Fiscal Committee of the State Budget Committee in Baton Rouge. He said - "I have never had the opportunity to appear before a more friendly group and they were extremely complimentary of the department and of its entire program throughout the State.

"I am glad that we are going along with the Upland Game Management program as one of the questions asked was - 'What was this Commission going to do about the increasing of quail population' or something along that line. We were most favorably received by the State Budget Committee."

Mr. Yancey was called upon relative to request of Concordia Electric Cooperative to install REA line on Saline Wildlife Management Area, in LaSalle Parish.

Mr. Yancey stated we have a request from Concordia Electric Cooperative Inc., to install one REA line across the newly acquired Saline Wildlife Management Area. They propose to install this line along the Hunt Oil Company road. From future management of the area, it would be a very desirable facility to have on this property, as it would provide power to any Commission camps or other facilities that may be constructed eventually. From the standpoint of managing this area,

he said, he felt that this request should be granted, and he called upon Mr. Ellis C. Irwin, Attorney, relative to the legal aspects.

Mr. Irwin stated that there was no objection to the granting of the right-of-way to install this line because it seems to be something beneficial and has future potential for the area. He stated that we could grant the right-of-way, but in order for it to become final, it needs the approval of the Governor and the State Land Office. He stated that granting this right-of-way without cost would be justified because of the benefits and future potential to the area.

Mr. Irwin stated that we should also incorporate in the permit the fact that should they remove any timber or cause any damage that they should be held responsible and they should pay the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for any damage caused by their action.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Frey, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Concordia Electric Cooperative for a right-of-way for electric lines along side of Hunt Road, in LaSalle Parish, and in Sections 6, 30 and 31, in Catahoula Parish, on the property recently acquired from Rex E. Callicott, designated as Saline Wildlife Management Area, be granted, provided this Commission be paid for any damage caused and any timber removed in the construction and

erection of said electric lines; and provided further that electric service from these lines will be made available to any facilities of this Commission which may be erected thereon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that before this permission becomes final that the approval of the State Land Office and the Governor be procured.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the meeting adjourned.

L. D. Young Jr., Director & Secretary